

## House Resolution No. 184

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated their lives and careers to helping state government meet the public's mandate for efficient and effective operation; and

**Whereas**, Mary Estes-Benward of Jefferson City began state employment in 1972 with the Missouri Department of Revenue; and

**Whereas**, after shifting the focus of her activities for a time to the Missouri Department of Insurance, Mary Estes-Benward in 1976 became the diligent secretary of the Honorable Marvin L. Dinger, State Senator from the Twentieth District; and

**Whereas**, in 1980 Mary Estes-Benward was lured away from her position as a Senator's Secretary in order to utilize her proficient skills and tremendous energy in the demanding environment provided by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; and

**Whereas**, the success of Mary Estes-Benward with her new workplace responsibilities resulted in her rapid rise in 1982 from Secretary to Director of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; and

**Whereas**, Mary Estes-Benward has demonstrated an adroit, visionary approach to fulfilling the mission of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules during her more than two decades of leadership with that institution; and

**Whereas**, not content to assist only Missouri state government in improving its efficiency and productivity, Mary Estes-Benward joyfully accepted adjunct responsibilities with the National Association of Administrative Rules Committees, an organization which she helped establish and which she led as Chair in 1993:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary service so freely provided by Mary Estes-Benward to the members of the Missouri General Assembly for more than two and one-half decades and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the January 31, 2003, retirement of Mary Estes-Benward.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Richard G. Byrd, Dist. No. 94

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Representative Marsha Campbell, Dist. No. 39

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Representative Rick Johnson, Dist. No. 90

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 184, adopted January 29, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker